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DETAILED ACTION

Note: This is in response to an Amendment filed 04/05/2007.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pan (U.S. 5,908,432).

Note in figures 1-9 of patent to Pan, an integral one piece handle (10) having an endless open end (24) and a longitudinally extending slot (62); a blade (30) mounted on a blade carrier (32) and slider (70) is formed as a separate part that snap fits to the blade carrier (32) after introduction through the open end (24) of the cavity (14,18); wherein the blade carrier (32) disposed within the cavity (14,18) and movable longitudinally relative to the handle (10) between an operative position in which the blade carrier (32) extends through an open end (24) of the cavity (14,18) such that the blade carrier (32) exposed for use (as shown in fig. 4) and inoperative position in which the blade carrier (32) is retracted into the cavity (14,18) (as shown in fig. 5); and wherein the slider (70) and the extending slot (62) are provided with co-operating tooth and notch formations that cooperate to releasably hold the blade carrier (32) and slider

assembly in "click-stop" manner in the operative and inoperative positions (see fig. 7, col. 3 and 4).

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 04/05/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's argument with respect to claim 1 has been considered but is moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

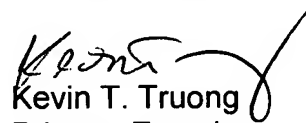
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin T. Truong whose telephone number is 571-272-4705. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Hayes can be reached on 571-272-4959. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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